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Annual Bonselpiel Ended Early Sunday Morning

The bonspiel staged by the Curling Club last week was a most successful affair in every way. There were forty rinks entered, played began at nine o'clock Monday morning and it was about three o'clock Sunday morning before the final rock was tossed down the ice.

The Hugh James rink of Gleichen, M. Quenell lead, W. Phytian second and W. Pettit third, won most games. Out of ten games played won eight and lost two. The Bert Davenport of Standard played seven games winning six and losing one, won the grand aggregate because they won in a final game. If the James rink, which was in two finals had won one of the games they would have won the grand aggregate prize.

The grand challenge was won by the Charlie Beaudin rink of Cluny. In the four Beaudin defeated Macle of Strathmore and James defeated I. Nerland rink. The final game Beaudin won from James.

First in the merchants went to the Bert Davenport rink of Standard. In the four Davenport defeated G. Larsson and James won from W. Phytian rink. The final game went Davenport when he defeated James. The James rink had no alibi whatsoever to offer for losing both games. Besides looking after the rink James curled four games Saturday.

The consolation was won by G. Beaudin rink of Cluny. He defeated Reid in the four while W. Schmidt won from Clifford. The final game saw Beaudin defeat Schmidt.

Six rinks that did not win a game in the other competitions entered the Hard Luck Competition. Five of these rinks were from Cluny and one from Gleichen. The Gleichen rink skipped by Jack Wilson carried the first prize.

All first prizes except the Hard Luck prize went to outside rinks. Two to Cluny and two to Standard.

Ted Fougstad and Bill Blaney were the draw committee and were kept busy from early morning until late at night looking after things in general.

Hugh James who has the job of looking after the rink had two assistants, Lou Woods and George Bouter. He needed their help for it is astonishing how much there is to do to keep a spiel running smoothly.

The Burns night banquet, program, carnival and dance was called off owing to the very cold weather.

The members of the Ladies Curling Club served lunches at all hours of the day and night which was most appreciated by the curlers and visitors. The ladies have a splendid place now to work in. Hot and cold running water, good stove, plenty of equipment and lots of room to move about.

The waiting room, gallery, or whatever you wish to call it is a nice place. Since it was painted and a fibre mat laid down from the entrance it is really attractive and a fine place to spend an hour or so watching the games and talk with your friends.

The forty rinks entered came from M. Standard, Strathmore, Cluny, Namska, Chancellor, Rockyford and Gleichen.

A man was one day visiting a lunatic asylum and while walking in the grounds he met a patient to whom he said, "Well, how did you get here?" The man replied, "Well, sir, you see I married a widow with a grown-up daughter and then my father married her daughter, that made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law, and my father became my step-son. Then my step mother, the daughter of my wife, had a son, and that boy, of course, was my brother, because he was my father's son; but he also was my wife's step-son, and therefore, her grandson, and that made me the grandfather of my step-son. Then my wife had a son, so my mother-in-law, the step sister of my son, is also his grandmother, because his step-sister is his wife. I am the brother of my own son, who is also the son of my step-grandmother. I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew, and I am my own grandfather. That's one reason I am here, sir."

He will not fly out of night of the ground when there is a thick fog.

Town & District

Kim Woods has received word from Elizabeth, B. C. that his daughter Mrs. B. Barrett gave birth to a son last Wednesday.

On Saturday, February 4th, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Jones will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They are old time residents of Gleichen, and Arrowwood districts having lived in the area for more than forty years.

After days and weeks of sub zero weather the break in the cold weather Tuesday was most welcome. Fortunately the rain did not last long, but the never run dry of coal and have not had to do it since. Many homes and business places stock with big loads of coal in the fall this helped prevent an acute shortage all at once. With trucks hauling coal from the mines and coal coming in by rail way the Gleichen folks have been able to keep nice and warm.

Johnnie Guftrath is again confined to Belcher Hospital in Calgary. He will be there for four or five months, but while there he will have to undergo another operation on his leg. He has spent all of two years in hospital. It will be remembered he was badly wounded in the leg by a bullet fired by a German shell while serving with the Canadians in France during the last war. Upon his return home underwent a series of operations in an endeavor to save his leg saved. For the past year or so he has been out of the hospital working at various jobs, but lately his leg began to bother him and returned to the hospital.

Last Wednesday evening about 11 o'clock the fire alarm bell and caused consternation at the curling rink and the residents of the town. This time the blaze was in W. Pugh's garage on the reserve. The brigade arrived in a hurry. The garage is a combination of a stable and garage. There was in the left near some hay, and the firemen started they arrived just in time before the hay actually caught fire. With chemicals the blaze was soon extinguished. Just what caused the fire is not known since the first of November this is the ninth time the brigade has been in action. Within one week ending last Wednesday the boys were called on three occasions and in each case the fire was discovered in its early stages and extinguished. So is it any wonder Gleichen people are 'jumpy' during the prolonged cold spell.

Safety automobile measures in the neighborhood of school areas is receiving the attention of officials. The work of the school safety patrol in different places has been highly commended and it appears that this year will see a great expansion of this work. Now hundreds of these patrol members are on duty in Alberta, saving youngsters from possible serious injury while also giving patrol excellent individual training themselves in the responsibilities of citizenship. At the same time it is claimed that attention should be directed to the slow down signs displayed in school zones. Some motor clubs of officials contend that these should be different from the usual traffic signs. Also, they should be of mind split height and easily discernable. Many motorists claim they have passed through a school area without realizing that they were obliged by regulations to slow down. Another suggestion is that such signs should have some markings that inform the motorists when he is at the end or has passed through the school zone. The chrysanthemum is the hardest flower known.

Some Oriental races believe that pearls have medicinal qualities and that to wear them greatly improves the clearness and beauty of the skin. Pearls were once used to stuff pillows.

Original street lights were three torches.

Moulting is a severe strain on the bird because of the great amount of blood needed by the skin for the growth of new feathers.

Opals were regarded as good luck stones until Sir Walter Scott in a novel pictured them as omens of bad luck. Thus they have been to this day.

Ever since man ate off the Tree of Knowledge he has been out on a limb. Old superstition: A ring around the moon indicates rain or snow.

New World Calendar

There is talk of a new calendar. What is the new calendar, what can it do and why all this hub-bub over a mere item like the date, weeks and months which go to make up our current Gregorian calendar.

During recent years, The World Calendar Association—a non profit organization existing solely to promote universal adoption of a standard calendar—has enthusiastically extolled the merits of what has been called the World Calendar. In the new scheme, there are exactly 52 weeks in the year exactly 91 days or 13 weeks or three months in each quarter year; and exactly 28 weeks apart from Sundays in each week. Each quarter, consisting of three months, is alike in every particular to every other quarter, the first month having 31 days and the other two months regular 30 days apiece. The four 31 day months in the year have five Sundays, yet have the other eight months.

The supporters of the World Calendar propose to start each year on a Sunday; but since 566 days are necessary to adequately represent spinning of the earth on its axis, an extra Saturday, to follow Saturday, December 30, would be included in the year and would be called Year-End Day. The same procedure would be followed for Leap Year, but instead of adding the extra day every four years to the month of February it would be inserted after June 30, thus neatly slicing the year in half. Both would be classed as special days and neither would bear a date in order to maintain the working of the 364-day year on an even keel.

Confusion over a holiday coming in the middle part of the week illustrates the drawbacks of our horse and buggy calendar in a streamlined age. With our Gregorian Calendar's a hodge of shreds and patches, we must wait, to finger counting, reciting a hymn to forecast with certainty on what day any fixed date will fall. The calendar proposed by the association would have all holidays falling on standard days, while in government circles, the fiscal year would always begin on the same day and date; records, taxes and internal revenue collections and interest on government bonds could easily be computed, etc. The proposed calendar is constructed around several factors which would be conducive to increased efficiency in Man's eternal race with time.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

It is to be frequently said in smaller towns, that it is the business of a good citizen to mind his own business, keep out of debt and avoid breaking the laws. It was commonly thought that if he did that, it was about all that could be expected of him, and he was conforming to the ideals of good citizenship. But a community's development cannot be promoted in these times of any such limited basis. The fact that so many small town people still have this spirit and expect to get along without doing anything particular to boost community movements, is one of the principal reasons why some towns do not get ahead faster. Some must take hold and carry on the work of churches and fraternal societies. Some of the men with a special head for business have to work in some organization for the commercial and other needed development of the community. Some need to work in clubs for educational purposes, and for more interesting social activities. There is something that each one should do and we must all take hold to do something in these lines, if we expect that a town is going to keep up with the game. People should not act as if they were making a great sacrifice if they devote a little of their time to such projects. We should love our home town so much, we should be so ambitious to see it go ahead, we should be so conscious of the gains that people who have initiative or ability or industry, should be willing to give some time each week to helping forward such causes.

Young writers and a lot of older ones, too, must frequently undergo the disappointment of having their offerings returned by editors who find them unsuited for publication. Sometimes the editor will send back a manuscript accompanied by a note suggesting one's inability to

use the material; again he will merely enclose a printed rejection slip; frequently he will return the offering without comment of any kind. But the most polite editor on record has been discovered in China. A translation of one of his rejection slips follows: "We have read thy manuscript with delight. By the sacred souls of our ancestors we fear that we never before have revelled in so enthralling a masterpiece. If we printed it in its entirety, the emperor, our high and mighty master, would ordain us to take it as a model, and never henceforth to print anything inferior to it. As it would be impossible to find its equal within 10,000 years, we are compelled, though shaken with sorrow at our action, to return the divine manuscript, and for doing so we ask of thee a thousand pardons."

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Dated at Gleichen this 1st day of February, 1950.

The annual meeting of the Gleichen S.D. No. 103 will be held immediately at the close of the town meeting.

A. HORN, Secretary-Treasurer.

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This modern continuous welding machine closes the seams in the 16-inch pipe (lower right) as it rolls under the big copper wheel. Welding is electric, with 5,000 amperes used in the process. The white liquid flowing over the wheel is an oil-and-water cooling mixture. Watching the pipe emerge from the machine is assistant welder Mike Labouc.

CARD OF THANKS

Wm. Boos and family tender their sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement. Also for the many beautiful tributes and letters.

WM. BOOS AND FAMILY

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EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOTES

In legal history, in economic theory, and as a social fact, land is a unique form of property. Unlike other forms of property, land is indispensable to existence and is more or less rigidly fixed in quantity. It is not a product of labor but a gift of nature. Such being the case, ours is the duty to maintain that land in such a manner as to make it usefully available to the generations of people coming after us.

Archaeological investigations of recent years have pointed out to us that the ancient civilizations of western Asia which once stood in the midst of flourishing agricultural regions were abandoned as a result of progressive soil exhaustion and soil erosion. Too many lands that once were rich in plant foods and grew vast crops of grain now stand idle or at the best support only a few meagre crops of grain or garden roots. These lone sentinels sullenly and cry to us for the land that once was theirs and now has washed or blown away.

So much for the crime of age past. We, in this vast new country need not look to civilizations, long dead and decayed, to see the ravages

of soil depletion. We need only to look into our own great fields. What we must do is to save and hold our land to give us food and wealth and health for times to come.

"How best can this be done?" we ask ourselves. Bearing in mind that each and every piece of land is like an individual, each presents problems of its own and each must be handled by itself. However, a few general but basic principles apply in every case.

Our first step must be to hold the land from washing and blowing away. Man, by his disturbing presence has disrupted nature's balance by removing much of the vegetative cover from the soil and laying it bare to the ravages of wind and water. This cover must once again be restored either by regrassing and reforestation or at least by maintaining an adequate trash cover of stubble or other crop residue on the soil. Such a protective cover not only holds the soil particles in place but at the same time insulates and increases the rate of water take into the soil and so decreases the runoff.

Our second principle would involve reducing the rate of water runoff more, from the steeper slopes of land, by the practice of farming round and round hills, rather than up and down the hills. On the more level areas where wind erosion occurs, we must reduce the size of land parcels by means of alternate strips of various crops, or crops and fallow, along with the upkeep of wind breaks of trees and brush.

The third but no less important principle, involves a psychological change over in our own ways of thinking. We must come to realize that if we are to remain an agricultural nation, competing on the world food markets, we have to mend our ways and discontinue the practice of mining the soil for the riches of today and begin to farm our soils for the generations of tomorrow.

When the Creator had made all good things, there was still more work to do, so he made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when he had finished he still had some scraps that were too bad to put into the ratlanako, the hyena, the scorpion and the alkali, so he put these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it in jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak and called it a *knacker*. This product was so fearful to contemplate that he had to make something to counteract it, so he took a sunbeam and put it in the heart of a child, and the brain of a man, and then wrapped these in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel, made it a lover of life and flowers, a manly sportsman, a believer of equality and justice and called it a *booster*. And ever since these two were, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates.

Ice hockey is at least 200 years old. Most fishermen catch fish by the tale.

Horse's hooves were shod with covering in the shape of socks or sandals before metal horse shoes were used.

Owing to its great dependence upon monsoon rains, India is more liable to crop failure than any other country. They refer to nature as a woman because they can't find out how old she is.

It was once believed that Christians might not enter a church to pray without first washing their hands. An ancient remedy for fever was to wash the water over the patient and on to a frog, to which the fever was supposed to pass.

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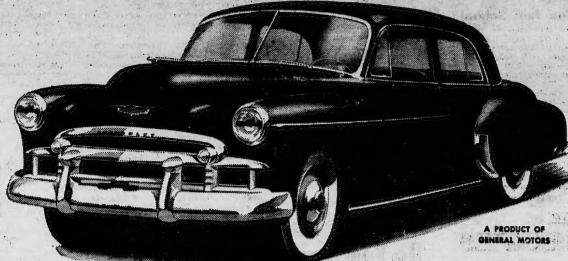
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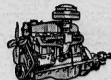
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